

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-13 are pending. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A method of monitoring real time communication on a computer network between at least two client computers connected by the network comprising:
providing a database of keywords, each of said keywords linked to a predefined rating;
monitoring real time communication on a computer network between at least two client computers connected by the network;
detecting said keywords in the real time communication; and
determining for the real time communication a rating level based upon the predefined rating of said keywords.
2. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the rating level of the real time communication is conveyed to at least one of the client computers.
3. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein at least one additional client computer receives the real time communication, and wherein the rating level of the real time communication is conveyed to the at least one additional client computer.
4. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the determining of the rating level for the real time communication occurs simultaneously with the real time communication.
5. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the determining of the rating level for the real time communication is based on evaluation of individual ratings of a plurality of different keywords.

6. (original) The method of claim 1 further including terminating the real time communication of at least one of the client computers based upon the rating level.
7. (original) The method of claim 1 including predetermining at a first of the at least two client computers a maximum rating level at which the real time communication may be maintained; originating one or more keywords at a second of the at least two client computers which triggers a rating level above the maximum rating level; and terminating real time communication of the first client computer.
8. (original) The method of claim 1 further including predetermining a maximum rating level at which the real time communication may be maintained; originating one or more keywords at one of the client computers which triggers a rating level above the maximum rating level; and identifying the one client computer originating the keyword above the maximum rating.
9. (original) The method of claim 1 including predetermining a maximum rating level at which the real time communication may be maintained; originating one or more keywords at one of the client computers which triggers a rating level above the maximum rating level; and terminating real time communication of the one client computer.
10. (original) The method of claim 1 further including continuously updating the rating level determined for the real time communication.
11. (original) The method of claim 1 further including continuously updating the rating level determined for the real time communication based upon the highest keyword rating within a selected time period.
12. (original) The method of claim 1 further including continuously updating the rating level determined for the real time communication based upon a weighted average of keyword ratings within a selected time period.

13. (original) The method of claim 1 further including determining the range of the rating level determined for the real time communication based upon highest and lowest keyword ratings within a selected time period.

14. (original) The method of claim 1 further including connecting a subsequent client computer to the network without establishing real time communication; viewing at the subsequent client computer the rating level of the real time communication; and connecting the subsequent client computer to the real time communication based upon the rating level.

15. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein separate real time communication occurs between different groups of client computers, and including determining a rating level for the real time communication for each group of client computers.

16. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the keyword is selected from the group consisting of text, audio, video and graphical communication.

17. (original) A method of monitoring real time communication on a computer network between at least two client computers connected by the network comprising:

providing a real time communication monitoring system on a computer network including a database of keywords, each of said keywords linked to a predefined rating;

the system adapted to:

i) monitor real time communication between at least two client computers connected by the network;

ii) detect said keywords in the real time communication; and

iii) determine for the real time communication a rating level based upon the predefined rating of said keywords;

connecting a subsequent client computer to the network without establishing real time communication with the at least two client computers;

viewing at the subsequent client computer the rating level of the real time communication between the at least two client computers; and

connecting the subsequent client computer to the real time communication based upon the rating level.

18. (original) A system for monitoring real time communication on a computer network between at least two client computers connected by the network comprising:
a database of keywords, each of said keywords linked to a predefined rating;
means for monitoring real time communication on a computer network between at least two client computers connected by the network;
means for detecting said keywords in the real time communication; and
means for determining for the real time communication a rating level based upon the predefined rating of said keywords.

19. (original) A computer program product for monitoring real time communication on a computer network between at least two client computers connected by the network comprising:
a database of keywords, each of said keywords linked to a predefined rating;
program code means for monitoring real time communication on a computer network between at least two client computers connected by the network;
program code means for detecting said keywords in the real time communication;
and
program code means for determining for the real time communication a rating level based upon the predefined rating of said keywords.

20. (original) A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method for monitoring real time communication on a computer network between at least two client computers connected by the network using a database of keywords, each of said keywords linked to a predefined rating, the method comprising:
monitoring real time communication on a computer network between at least two client computers connected by the network;
detecting said keywords in the real time communication; and

determining for the real time communication a rating level based upon the predefined rating of said keywords.